

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

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"Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." 2 COR 6.2

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Friday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Bulletin deadline: Thursday by 3:00 p.m.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Welcome to Christ the King Parish. We register new parishioners after every Sunday Mass in the Commons. Registering in the parish is the primary way we have of communicating with you, and is required for Sacramental purposes and for your children's participation in Christian Formation Programs. Please contact the Parish Office for more information. If you are moving, notify the Parish Office.

BAPTISM

Baptism of children under the age of 8 takes place at regular weekend Masses throughout the year except during Lent. Please contact our Faith Formation Office at least three months prior to the desired date. All parents must attend a three-hour class.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

For Confirmation preparation of teenagers, please contact our Youth Minister. For Baptism of older children and adults, all First Communion preparation and Confirmation of adults, please contact our director of Faith Formation. Adults who are considering becoming Catholic are invited to participate in our RCIA program.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the office at least six months in advance to set dates, make arrangements for instruction and for planning the ceremony. Marriage Preparation for the couple is a requirement.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Scheduled on Saturdays, 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the church or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament is administered on request to those who are ill at home, undergoing surgery, are in the hospital, or in a nursing home.

Please consider your Parish Family and/or School in your last will and testament.

EUCHARIST IS CELEBRATED

WEEKENDS Saturday – 5:30 p.m. Sunday – 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAYS According to Mass Schedule inside.

CTK VISION: To be a vibrant and growing family of God that welcomes and gives an opportunity to everyone to pray and to serve.

CTK MISSION: To seek to be disciples of Jesus Christ by faithfully celebrating the Liturgy, witnessing and proclaiming the gospel, nurturing family life and making the teachings of Jesus Christ central to our lives.

CTK GOAL: Our goal as a parish community is to bring the saving grace of Jesus Christ into all our environments.

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 18th TO MARCH 24th

Monday, 3/18		No Mass	
Tuesday, 3/19	8:30 a.m.	Fr. Joe Wamala (L)	
Wednesday, 3/20	8:30 a.m.	Mary Alice & Clarence Carter (D)	
Thursday, 3/21	8:30 a.m.		
Friday, 3/22	8:30 a.m.	Jacob Ficca (L)	
Saturday, 3/23	8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Patty & Gene Phelps (D)	
Sunday, 3/24	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Livestream)	Intentions of Parishioners June & Kevin Chaplain (D)	

Mass Intentions:

Livestream

Please contact the office if you wish to have a Mass said for yourself, a loved one or a special intention. The suggested stipend is \$10.

Flowers:

If you would like to have flowers placed in the church in memory of a loved one, please contact Cassandra Goodwyn (757) 544-8915. Full arrangements range from \$100 to \$175, but we have other options.

St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries

 is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping those who are homeless and low-income.
During the Month of March, we will be collecting: Lysol Disinfectant Spray and Wipes
For more information, please contact Alicia at 757-627-6748 or visit their website: www.stcolumbaministries.com

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	Liturgical Ministers for Palm Sunday				
	Saturday, 3/23	Sunday, March 24 th			
	5:30 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM		
Altar Serv.1	R. Vicente	S. Okobi	L. Sama		
Altar Serv. 2	S. Killian	K. Okobi	E. Luettel		
Altar Serv. 3	x	S. Stevens	H. Geronilla		
Child. Lit. 1	x	x	K. Rivera, P. Brink		
Child. Lit. 2	x	x	& A. Webb		
EMHC	x	x	A. Webb		
Reader 1	R. Trent	E. Marasco	S. Brown		
Reader 2	C. Burch	L. Francis	Reader Needed		
Usher 1	C. Rannigan	T. Duncan	T. Womack		
Usher 2	J. Fellowes	G. Duncan	S. Matrosky		
			J. Womack &		

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS



Palm Sunday March 24th, 2024

Procession Mark 11:1 – 10 Scriptures are #1033-B in the Hymnal.

Mass

Isaiah 50:4 – 7 Psalm 22:8 – 9, 17 – 20, 23 - 24 Philippians 2:6 – 11 Mark 14:1 – 15:47

Scriptures are #1035 in the Hymnal.

Vocations Awareness

"The Father will honor whoever serves me." Are you called to belong to serve Christ alone as a priest or through consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



C. Burch

11:00 AM Mass for ages 3 to 7

One additional team is needed for the 5th Sunday of each month for the 11 AM Mass. Please contact the church office for more information and / or to volunteer.

Families with Young Children

Welcome to Christ the King! Children are especially close to the heart of Jesus so don't feel you have to

stifle those wiggles and giggles. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you, so please participate and try to sit where they can see what is happening.

If your child should become verbally or physically restless, please quietly step out and utilize the chairs that have been placed in the Commons just for you. When your child has calmed, please return to your pew. Do not give up! You are welcome here, always. THIS WEEK AT CTK

Faith Formation Class for Pre-K – Grade 8	3/17	9:45 AM	Ashland House
Faith Formation Class for Grades 9 – 12	3/17	12:15 PM	Ashland House
Cub Scouts / Boy Scouts	3/18	6:30 PM / 7:00 PM	Ashland House / School
Finance Committee	3/19	7:00 PM	via Zoom
Legion of Mary	3/19	7:15 PM	Ashland House
Cleaning Team #3	3/20	9:30 AM	Church
Adoration	3/20	6:00 PM - Midnight	Church
Divorce Care	3/20	6:30 PM	Conference Room
Becoming Catholic	3/20	6:30 PM	Ashland House
Virtual Rosary	3/21	7:00 PM	via phone (757)551-6414
Adoration / Vespers (5:30 PM)	3/22	9:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Church
Stations of the Cross	3/22	6:00 PM	Church
Soup Supper	3/22	6:45 PM	Church Commons
That Man Is You (TMIY)	3/23	6:00 AM	Church Commons

Chrism Mass - Monday, March 25th

If you are interested in attending the Chrism Mass in Richmond on Monday, March 25th, please contact the church office as soon as possible. We have limited seats available on one of the school's mini busses. We will leave Christ the King at 3:30 PM and will return around 9:30 PM.



On behalf of our Youth Group, I would like to thank CTK School, our wonderful vendors, and all who came out to shop from them at our Spring Craft Fair.

We raised almost a \$1000 to help our teens attending Work Camp and/or Steubenville this Summer! This money will allow us to cover almost half of the cost for each youth. \sim Mrs. Ficca

LENT 2024

Wednesdays during Lent March 20th & 27th ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - 6:00 PM to Midnight **Fridays during Lent** March 22nd ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION - 5:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 6:00 PM LENTEN SOUP SUPPER - 6:45 PM

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Number of families contributing to the operating income during the month of February: 134 out of 323

Month of February 2024

Monthly Budget Needed	\$	30,411.85
Actual Receipts Received		24,143.70
Monthly Budget Deficit	\$	(6,628.15)
Year-To-Date Budget Needed	\$	266,103.68
YTD Actual Receipts Received		223,565.98
YTD Budget Deficit	\$	(42,537.70)
Capital Improvement Collection for	Febru	iary - \$1,130



March Special Collections:

Budget Deficit, Easter Flowers, Easter, Catholic Relief Services, And Capital Improvement

All Online Giving (including special collections) can be done by scanning the QR code above or by going directly to:

https://osvhub.com/christthekingnorfolk/giving/funds



March 17, 2024 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34 | Heb 5:7-9 | Jn 12:20-33

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

As we quickly approach Easter, we're reminded of the reason why we are celebrating. God's chosen people stumbled quite a bit throughout the Old Testament, so God intervened time, and time, and time again to set them back on the straight and narrow. Whereas we would likely give up on someone over time, God has remained steadfast in his grace, and always will. He created a new covenant with Israel that wrote his law upon the hearts of Jews and Gentiles alike. This new covenant was realized through Jesus Christ, who was born into our flesh and crucified on the cross. He suffered death in perfect obedience to God the Father. By being born into flesh, Jesus united humanity and divinity; through his crucifixion and resurrection, Christ "became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him." He is the law of love that lives within us, and through him "all, from least to greatest, shall know [the Father.]"

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Jesus didn't suffer the cross for his sake or for his own glory. No, our Savior came to preach the kingdom of heaven to us before sacrificing himself for our sins. Notice how in today's Gospel he even admitted he was troubled! It can be terrifying to do God's will for our lives, and Christ himself was troubled by what he was called to do. Yet, in love and trust in the Father, Jesus was obedient, saying "but it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." All Christians are called to a life of self-sacrifice, each to the degree it serves God's purpose. We are all called to give up our lives for the sake of love to glorify God. Without Christ's sacrifice, we would not have been saved; without our willingness to pursue God's call upon our life, the kingdom of God cannot be realized on this earth.

REFLECT The Lord placed his law upon your heart the moment you were conceived, but how do you allow him to shine through your life? How do you serve and glorify the Lord? Take a moment today to reflect on your words and actions and consider how you show the world that God is Lord over your life for all time, not only during Lent.

HOLY WEEK & THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD ~ March 24th

Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. with Solemn Procession with Palms (outside, weather permitting)

> CHRISM MASS ~ March 25th Monday at 6:00 p.m., Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Richmond

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ~ March 28th

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m. Followed by Adoration of the Eucharist (Night Watch) in the Adoration Chapel until Midnight All are invited to bring donations of canned goods & non-perishable foods forward which will be given to Saint Columba.

GOOD FRIDAY ~ March 29th

Stations of the Cross at 12 Noon in the Church Celebration of Our Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT ~ March 30th

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 p.m. followed by a reception in the Commons – Please bring a food item to share.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD ~ March 30th

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 2 to 10 will be held after the 11 a.m. Mass. Greetings, Parishioners, Families, and Friends,

As we start the month of March, I'd like to let you know about the exciting things happening at our school. Our annual Run 2 Fund was a great success! Thank you to all the families who came out and cheered on their students. A special thank you to everyone who donated to our fundraiser! Students also enjoyed participating in the Ocean View St. Paddy's Day Parade!

A holistic learning environment that equips students for life is just as important as academic instruction. Several events and activities, including field trips, have been planned to improve your child's academic experience and allow them to discover their passions and talents.

Many of our students have had and will have the opportunity to go on field trips this Spring. Our 5th and 7th grades will head to St. Mary's Basilica this week for a historical tour and to celebrate Holy Mass. Our 2nd grade students will go on their first field trip to the Roper Center to see the "Princess Frog"! We are excited to have a few other trips in the works for our students, including the 8th-grade field trip to Washington, DC, with our friends from Star of the Sea in Virginia Beach.

Your child's education is a lifelong learning, development, and evolution process. We urge you to stay in touch with your child's teachers and actively participate in their education.

Every child can achieve greatness, given the right support and direction. Let's encourage our kids to fulfill their potential and positively influence the world by working together.

Thank you for your constant support and prayers for our school. I encourage you to continue to support our work as we advance our mission to elevate, educate, and empower our deserving students. There is no greater investment in forming our future saints than a Catholic education!

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Long-term Sub Needed

Christ the King School in Norfolk has an opening for one 3rd and 4th-grade long-term sub for reading and religion. Interested applicants are asked to contact Kim Callahan, Principal, at kcallahan@ctkparish.org.

Congratulations to our Confirmandil

Adeboute A., Humberto G., Emily H., Katherine L., Heleana L., Elizabeth L., Jasmine N., Onyebuka O., and Rian V. Watch for pictures in next week's bulletin!

Candy and unfilled plastic eggs are needed for our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**! Please bring your donations to the church by **Thursday, March 28**th. All Youth Group members are asked to help fill the eggs on **Saturday, March 30**th at 10 AM.



Rite of Election - February 18th @ St. Pius





PreK to Grade 8: Sundays, 9:45 to 10:45 AM March 3, 10, 17 April 14, 21, 28 May 5 – May Crowning & Year End Party

Grades 9 to 12: Sundays, 12:15 to 1:30 PM March 3rd & 17th (bring your lunch) April 21st & 28th

Youth Group Events:

March 30th – Prepare eggs at 10 AM March 31st – Easter Egg Hunt after 11 AM Mass April 14th – Youth Mass & Youth Group May 5th – Year End Party for All Faith Formation & Youth Group Families

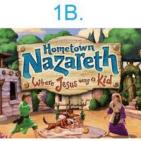
Don't Forget to Vote!

CTK's Annual Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 22nd to Friday, July 26th

Your help is needed to decide the theme and time:





2A. 9:15 AM to 12 noon Open to those entering Preschool 4 to Grade 5

2B. 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Family centered - All ages welcome with parent.

Please cut this out and vote for both the theme and the time by March 17th.

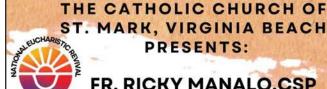
> Interested in volunteering? Complete the contact info below.

Name

Email _____

Phone # _____

Ages of children _____



PRESENTS:



FR. RICKY MANALO, CSP

"A EUCHARIST OF ENCOUNTERING: **CROSSING THRESHOLDS. BECOMING TRANSFORMED**"

PRESENTATION AND MUSIC: FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH AT 7:00PM

Paulist Priest, Composer, theologian, and author.



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PURCHASE TICKETS AT: HTTPS://BIT.LY/FRMANALOTICKETS OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO THE RIGH





June 22 – 28, 2024

A Mission Trip Experience Close to Home

Last call for Work Camp Participants!

Work Camp is an annual week-long mission trip experience where teens from all over the Diocese learn to live their faith through the lens of service and community. Participants will be broken into work crews that will complete a home repair project in the local community. Everyone at Work Camp attends daily Mass before heading out to work, and evenings are filled with

free time and evening program. All teens, chaperones, home base volunteers, and contractors stay onsite in a school building. Diocesan Work Camp is an immersive experience for teens to learn what it means to put our

Catholic faith into action. Adults are also needed as Home Base Volunteers & Contractors!

MAGNETIC PULL

Reflection on John 12:20-33

In the story of Abraham, we encounter faith as obedience to the summons of God; faith as a venture, a journey, where God is present in the midst of our historical lives, in the realm of concrete events and personal relationships.

This is clearly the God we encounter in today's readings, in the prophecy of Jeremiah, who tells us that God is written into our hearts, and in the Christ of the Gospel, who is even now drawing all hearts to Himself. Our hearts are like magnets, drawn by their very design to the source and power of love that is God. Christ is doing the drawing; He is the magnetic field, if you will. And our lives are a journey, like Abraham made, to that place of blessing promised to us by God. We walk by faith, our obedience to facing the demands of the journey.

Jeremiah unveils a certain truth, a key to the mystery of obedience along the journey with Christ. The prophet says, "No longer will they have to teach their friends and kinsfolk how to know the Lord. All, from least to greatest shall know me, says the Lord." The leap into the light, the illogic that is faith, is not unknown to us. It is written into our very hearts, our very beings, if only we would allow Christ, the magnetic pull of God's love, to draw us to Himself.

- Fr. Jay

"A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me."

PSALM 51:12

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, March 17, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Lent Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33

Monday, March 18, 2024 Lenten Weekday Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 Lenten Weekday Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Jn 8:31-42 **Thursday, March 21, 2024** Lenten Weekday Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 8:51-59

Friday, March 22, 2024 Lenten Weekday Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, March 23, 2024 Lenten Weekday Ez 37:21-28 Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 Jn 11:45-56

> Access Daily Readings from the New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE) online at https://bible.usccb.org

Loving God. You have heard my complaints, my impatience. Sometimes I become frightened when I move away from You. Guide my heart back to You. Help me to think beyond my own wants and to desire only to do Your will. Thank You for the many blessings in my life and for the ways I feel Your

presence.

March 17, 2024

